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NEW PHS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Following passage of H.R. 12 and S. 911, the President signed Public Law 88-129, the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1963. Responsibility for the conduct of medical educational construction programs has been vested in the Division of Hospital and Medical Facilities of the Public Health Service. The Division is now in process of appointing a National Advisory Council on Education for Health Professions which in turn will recommend to the Surgeon General policies for the administration of this Act, including those applicable to medical library construction. The Division is entertaining letters of intent from health professional schools interested in making future application for the construction of educational facilities. Correspondence should be directed to the Chief, Division of Hospital and Medical Facilities, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D.C. 20201.

MATHEMATICAL BIOLOGY BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Extramural Program of the National Library of Medicine has awarded a contract for the preparation of an annotated bibliography on Soviet work in mathematical biology to the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon at Portland. The contract, which runs from August 1, 1963, through July 31, 1964, will be under the direction of Dr. Walter R. Stahl, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics of the Oregon State University.

Mathematical biology is a relatively new field of research, with considerable potential for valuable utilization of the physical sciences in gaining a better understanding of biology. It is closely related to the sciences of medical electronics, biomedical engineering, the use of computers in biological research, cybernetics, algorithm theory, biological control systems, and theoretical biology.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, FISCAL YEAR 1963

During the year which ended June 30, 1963, the National Library of Medicine:

ACQUIRED	16,151	books
	67,832	serial pieces
	956	new serial titles
PURCHASED	300	old and rare items for the History of Medicine Collection
CATALOGED	15,273	titles, of which 4,183 were recataloged works
WITHDREW	684	duplicate and out-of-scope items
BOUND	13,814	volumes, of which 1,972 were rebinds
PREPARED	15,592	main entries for the 1962 volume of the National Library of Medicine Catalog
ADDED	876	pictures and other items to the Prints and Photographs Collection
CIRCULATED	205,709	volumes
ANSWERED	13,418	reference questions
FILLED	135,344	interlibrary loan requests, of which 6,698 were filled with loan of original material
FILMED	3,215,649	pages, of which 821,989 were for preservation
PRODUCED	2,333,686	pages of photoprint and
	276,731	paper cards
PUBLISHED	139,462	items in the Index Medicus from 2,244 journal titles
SPENT	$3,334,2[illegible]	for library operations
EMPLOYED		an average work force of 227 persons

GROWTH OF COLLECTIONS

	CURRENT YEAR			COLLECTION TOTALS	
	Added	Withdrawn	Net Gain	30 June 1962	30 June 1963
BOOK MATERIAL					
1.Bound monographs					
a. HMD	417	11	406	34,285	34,691
b. 1801-1913	17	286	-269	88,914	88,645
c. 1914-	5,873	344	5,529	164,365	169,894
Subtotal	6,307	641	5,666	287,564	293,230
2.Bound serials	5,366	0	5,366	270,873	276,239
Total Bound Volumes (1-2)	11,673	641	11,032	558,437	569,469
3.Theses	130	0	130	284,882	285,012
4.Pamphlets	1,394	0	1,394	165,909	167,303
Subtotal(3-4)	1,524	0	1,524	450,791	452,315
Total Book Material	13,197	641	12,556	1,009,228	1,021,784
NON-BOOK MATERIAL					
1.Microfilms	360	0	360	2,523	2,883
2.Portraits and Pictures	877	43	834	57,505	58,339
Total Non-Book Material	1,237	43	1,194	60,028	61,222
BOUND VOLUME EQUIVALENTS*				15,000	15,000
GRAND TOTAL	14,434	684	13,750	1,084,256	1,098,006

*Material in pipeline

BOARD OF REGENTS

On August 20, 1963, the President sent to the Senate the nominations of Dr. Russell A. Dixon of the District of Columbia and Dr. Herman H. Fussler of Illinois to be members of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine.

DRUG LITERATURE REPORT

The Senate Committee on Government Operations has published the report on "The Nature and Magnitude of the Drug Literature" which the National Library of Medicine prepared at the request of the Subcommittee on Reorganization and International Organizations. This Committee Print is entitled "Drug Literature," and copies are available at 65 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

NLM "COLUMBUS"

Mr. Stanley Jablonski, literature analyst for the Index Medicus and compiler of Russian Drug Index, has returned to the National Library of Medicine from a single-handed trans-Atlantic crossing. After buying an Amethyst-class sloop in Gdańsk, Poland, Mr. Jablonski sailed it alone through the Baltic and North Seas to the Canary Islands, and across the Atlantic to Norfolk, Virginia, returning, tanned and happy, to his work after four months' leave of absence.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MEDICAL TRANSLATIONS

Bibliography of Medical Translations (January 1959-June 1962), published by the National Library of Medicine in cooperation with the Office of Technical Services of the Department of Commerce, has been reprinted. A limited number of copies is now available on request to NLM.

HOURS OF LIBRARY SERVICE

In September the National Library of Medicine began a new standard schedule of 80 public service hours per week:

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday - 2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The History of Medicine Division is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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